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Docket No.:041-1860ARI

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yutaka MACHIDA

Serial No. 09/925,423

Filed: August 10, 2001

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: Group Art Unit: 2621

: Examiner: COUSO, JOSE L
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For: METHOD FOR ENCODING AND DECODING MOVING PICTURE SIGNALS

**RESPONSE TO QUAYLE ACTION SUBMITTING ORIGINAL PATENT AND
PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE REVISED FORMAL DRAWING FIGURES 4, 6 & 7**

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 23, 2002, designated as a Quayle Action noting that the application is in condition for allowance and closing prosecution on the merits therein, applicant submits as follows.

The Examiner requires that applicant submit the original patent.

Applicant provides herewith the original deed for U.S. Patent 5,937,095.

Additionally, the Examiner requires that the amended figures include the word "amended" as required by 37 CFR 1.173(b)(3).

Enclosed herewith applicant provides formal drawings incorporating the drawing

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changes submitted for the Examiner's Approval on August 10, 2001, and further including the word "AMENDED" as required.

More specifically, Substitute Fig. 4 includes the typographical correction replacing "FRAM n+1" by --FRAME n+1--, and further including the designation "AMENDED".

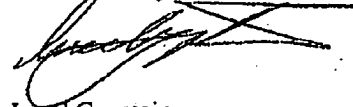
Substitute Fig. 6 includes the added reference numerals 11, 12 and 13, and associated arrows.

Finally, Substitute Fig. 7 interchanges the respective "Yes" and "No" results of the third and fourth decision blocks therein.

Having thus attended to the only outstanding formal matters identified in the Quayle Action, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is thus in order.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if any further issues arise with respect to the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Has received an application for a patent for a new and useful invention. The title and description of the invention are enclosed. The requirements of law have been complied with, and it has been determined that a patent on the invention shall be granted under the law.

Therefore, this

United States Patent

Grants to the person(s) having title to this patent the right to exclude others from making, using, offering for sale, or selling the invention throughout the United States of America or importing the invention into the United States of America for the term set forth below, subject to the payment of maintenance fees as provided by law.

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